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large majority for the Modified Scheme. However, that is not relevant. The matter is under the examination of the Government.''

SRI M. PALANIYANDI :—"சென்ற சட்ட சபைக் கூட்டத்தில் கனம் நிதி மந்திரி அவர்கள், " 'ஸ்டே' என்ற பதத்தின் பொருள் காரணமாகத்தான், நாங்கள், சட்ட சபை தீர்மானத்திற்கு மதிப்புக் கொடுக்கும் வகையில் இத்திட்டத்தை விஸ்தரிக்காமல் இருக்கிறோம்," என்று சொன்னார்கள். ஆனால், இப்பொழுது, முனிசிபாலிடிகளுக்கும், மற்ற இடங்களுக்கும் விஸ்தரிக்க போவதாகச் சொன்னார்கள். சென்ற சட்ட சபையில் நிச்சயமாகச் சொன்ன வார்த்தைகளை மனதிற்கொண்டு, அவர் ஆவன செய்வாரா ?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, the Resolution was that the scheme should be stayed pending examination of the scheme by a committee. A committee was appointed and the committee has submitted its report. It is only in pursuance of that Resolution that the committee was appointed. Further examination of the matter is proceeding."

10·10 a.m. SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" Have the Government consulted and obtained the opinion of local authorities—the City Corporation and the municipalities—in extending this particular scheme to urban areas? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I said that the matter is under examination of the Government. All necessary consultations are being made."

MR. SPEAKER :—" There is a Demand on this subject phortly coming up before the House and I have allotted four hours for that Demand. Therefore, I pass on to the next question."

Increase in the wages of Harijans under the National Extension Service.

* 50 *Q.*—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Hon. Minister for Agriculture gave any assurance at a public meeting held at Vellivur on 22nd October 1953, that the daily wages of the Harijans and other poor class people would be increased from nine pies to Rs. 3 under the National Extension Service; and

(*b*) if so, whether it has been given effect to by the Government?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The answer is an emphatic, No.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

SRI M. DHARMALINGAM :—" Sir, in view of the answer given by the Hon. Minister that he did not make such a statement in the public meeting, may I know from the Hon. Minister whether

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it is one of the tricks or the practices of politicians to say one thing in the presence of the public and to modify that when it seems impossible to carry out what was said in public? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I am unable to understand this kind of insinuation on the part of the hon. Member. He was also present at that public meeting which has been referred to in the question. The hon. Member spoke and said there were Harijans who were earning only nine pies per day. When I spoke, I did so in simple Tamil. I said there were Harijans who earned more than that and there were also Harijans who did not earn at all. I said it was the objective of the Five-Year Plan to raise the general standard of living to three times the present level at the least. I am really sorry that the hon. Member should have such a totally wrong impression about my simple Tamil speech and that further he is indulging in insinuation of this House.''

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state what exactly is the wages now paid to the Harijans and other poor class of people employed in the National Extension Service Schemes? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I have no statistics with me now.''

SRI M. PALANIYANDI :—" கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் பதில் சொல்லும் போது ஐந்தாண்டுத் திட்டம் முடிவதற்குள் மூன்று பங்கு அதிகச் சம்பளம் கிடைக்கும்படி, செய்யப்படும் என்று சொன்னார். இப்பொழுது மூன்று ஆண்டுகள் முடிவுற்றன. சம்பளம் எவ்வளவு மடங்கு உயர்ந்துவிட்டது என்று, கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொல்வார்களா ? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I said 'before the end of the Five-Year Plan'. The objective of that plan is that we should attempt to raise the standard of living of the people by three times; but I did not say that three times the present standard of living had been achieved.''

Harijan Welfare Committee for Chingleput.

* 51 Q.—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Animal Husbandry be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have constituted a District Harijan Welfare Committee for Chingleput district; and

(b) if so, when it was constituted and who the members of the Committee are?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) The committee was constituted last in March 1951. The following are the members of the committee :—

(1) Sri O. Nagaratnam, Meppedu village.

(2) Dr. P. R. Raghuraman, Kancheepuram.